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PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Norman Rice

Application No.: 10/781,079

Group No.: 2855

Filed: 02/17/2004

Examiner: Michael Cygan

For: METHOD FOR A RELIABILITY ASSESSMENT, FAILURE PREDICTION AND OPERATING  
CONDITION DETERMINATION OF ELECTRIC EQUIPMENTMail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

## STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity. A statement was already filed.

## EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for one month:

Fee: \$55.00

## CERTIFICATION

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Date: 30 September 2004  
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**FEE FOR CLAIMS**

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY			
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE		
TOTAL	19	-	21	= 0 x \$	9.00	= \$	0.00
INDEP.	6	-	3	= 3 x \$	43.00	= \$	129.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$	0.00	= \$	0.00
				TOTAL			
				ADDIT. FEE		\$	129.00

Total additional fee for claims required \$129.00


**FEE PAYMENT**

5. Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$184.00 to Deposit Account No. 15-0450.

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For: METHOD FOR A RELIABILITY ASSESSMENT, FAILURE PREDICTION AND  
OPERATING CONDITION DETERMINATION OF ELECTRIC EQUIPMENTAMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**Mail Stop Amendment**

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated June 1, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** None.**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.**Amendments to the Drawings** None.**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.